

generously endowed and tended to by the Woodstock Foundation, also created by the Rockefeller family.

Mr. Rockefeller was a quiet and unassuming man who sought no personal recognition for his work in Woodstock and truly loved the small villages and agricultural landscape of rural Vermont.

The crown jewel of the Rockefeller's contributions to Woodstock and to the Nation is the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, encompassing the buildings and grounds of their family estate, which they donated to the United States. As the only national park dedicated to the history and future of conservation thought and practice, the park is a fitting legacy for a man known as America's leading conservationist.

Laurance will be sorely missed by all those who knew him and by those who have been able to enjoy the fruits of his conservation efforts.●

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION: PRESERVING HISTORY AND PERPETUATING TRADITION

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I would like to share with you and my colleagues my appreciation for Neal Corey of McCook, NE. Neal is my cousin and a role model to Americans, a preserver of history, and a perpetuator of tradition.

Neal Corey, who is now a retired conductor for Burlington Northern Railroad, is the third generation of his family to maintain a farm in Red Willow County, a homestead that is still on its original site in Nebraska. A pioneer of subsurface irrigation in his county, Neal has helped others in his area to set up similar irrigation systems during his retirement to improve farming efficiency.

As you can see, Neal has been perpetuating tradition and preserving history through a lifetime of service to his family at the farm, to the railroad, and to his neighbors. History has always interested him, but it literally took a greater vessel to move him to become an active part in preserving it. Neal's curiosities were piqued when he read a small article in the hometown newspaper we share, the McCook Gazette, about the recreation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

After Neal sent in his \$50 membership fee to the Discovery Expedition of Saint Charles, MO, he decided that wasn't enough. No, Neal decided he wanted to contribute something more than \$50. So he looked into what it would take to be a part of this expedition.

He thought it might be fun to get out and do some "camping" during his retirement. It was only during his training for the expedition, when he found himself wearing historical fashions that include long-sleeved cotton shirts, canvas pants, and a wool army coat during the summertime, that he realized just which kind of camping he would do.

To this day, Neal selflessly contributes his time, his enthusiasm, and his energy to the Discovery Expedition of Saint Charles, MO. Through this expedition, Neal's goal is to preserve the history made by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark when they first set out to explore the unknown of a new Nation.

Each year, the Discovery Expedition reenacts a different part of the original river journey—a journey that began in 1803 in Elizabeth, PA, and extends to Great Falls, MT.

This year, Neal will be participating in the Nebraska portion of the river journey of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. This portion is scheduled to reach the Missouri River around July 16, and will include week-long activities at Fort Calhoun, NE, beginning July 30.

I have been so inspired by Neal's energy and enthusiasm that I, too, will take part in a portion of this great commemoration. Through his example and his service, Neal Corey has been a force in both the preservation of American history, and the perpetuation of American traditions.●

HONORING THE CITY OF FREEMAN

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to publicly recognize and acknowledge the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city of Freeman, SD.

Freeman was settled throughout the 1870s by German and Russian immigrants. By 1879, like many cities throughout South Dakota, a railroad stop had been established in Freeman and was a center for immigrants arriving at that period of time. In 1893, the town was officially incorporated.

By 1893, Freeman had established numerous businesses, schools, and many residences. The town of Freeman combines a rich heritage with strong hopes for the future. The Freeman Area Veterans Memorial and the Heritage Hall Museum are two examples of the town's appreciation for its rich history. Two strong schools give the town an appeal to families raising children and comprehensive medical services attract people to retire in Freeman. A strong, diverse economy including retail businesses, professional services, and manufacturing components keeps Freeman strong.

Freeman is the type of town that forms the backbone of rural life in South Dakota. Hometown values, respect for neighbors, and a commitment to its past all point to a prosperous future for Freeman. It is with great honor that I advise my colleagues of the achievements made by this great community.●

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS MATTHEW McFAUN

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate and thank Francis Matthew McFaun, an outstanding citizen and a Vermont leader in the fight against poverty. As he pre-

pares to retire from his position as manager of the Central Vermont and White River district offices of the Vermont Department of Employment and Training, it is significant to recognize how much one person can achieve in serving others.

"Topper," as he is known to his colleagues, family, and friends, has had a distinguished 37-year career with the State of Vermont. He moved to Vermont in 1966 to start a pilot of the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program with the Central Vermont Community Action Agency. He moved up through the organization, quickly becoming director of the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity. From there he began working for the Vermont Department of Employment and Training, where he has become an institution. Topper is deeply committed to improving the quality of life of Vermonters through strengthening communities and improving our workforce. He has also served with great distinction and exhibited leadership at both the State and local level and is involved with numerous community activities. From his current role as chairperson of the Barre Town Select Board to his veteran position as the Spaulding High School Varsity Ice Hockey coach, Topper is tireless in his devotion to his State.

I also have the pleasure of having his daughter, Molly McFaun, on my State staff. Molly exhibits the work ethic and compassion that has driven her father throughout his career. Topper established himself through his efforts to help others, and the legacy of his work lives on in his daughter. We are truly fortunate to have Topper and Molly working in a field where the benefits of their kindness and support are reaped by people all around the State. I thank Topper not only for his many years of exemplary service, but also for teaching his children the value that is public service.

It is people like Topper, who give so greatly of themselves without expectation of recognition or personal gain, that make our communities stronger, better places to live. I want Topper McFaun to know that his years of dedicated service have not gone unnoticed. I am proud to stand here and tell you about such a great Vermonter. I wish him and his wife, Mary Ann, best wishes as they venture into the next chapter of their lives.●

HONORING THE CITY OF BROOKINGS

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I would like to honor and publicly recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city of Brookings, SD.

The city and the county were both named for Wilmot W. Brookings, one of the first settlers in the Dakota Territory. Arriving in June of 1857, Brookings was a highly respected explorer with great amounts of courage, energy, ability, and perseverance. He settled in Sioux Falls on August 27, 1857. Beginning the trip in January of 1858, he was